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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION TO POLAND ON WORLD CONFERENCE  
TO COMBAT RACISM

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1. I CALLED AUGUST 16 ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KULAGA,  
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN-RELATED AFFAIRS IN THE MFA, AND  
DELIVERED AN AIDE MEMOIRE (TEXT BASED ON PARA 1 REFTEL)  
GIVING THE REASONS WHY THE US IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE  
WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
NOW UNDERWAY IN GENEVA. I ALSO GAVE A BRIEF ORAL EXPLANA-  
TION, DRAWING ON THE MAIN POINTS OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE.

2. KULAGA OBSERVED THAT THE GOP WAS AWARE OF THE US  
POSITION ON THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, WITH WHICH THE POLES  
DIFFERED. HE RECALLED THAT POLAND HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF  
THE 1975 UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH, HE NOTED, HAD EMERGED FROM  
ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT ON ISRAELI TREATMENT OF  
THE INHABITANTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. NEVERTHELESS,  
HE CONTINUED, POLAND WAS "NOT EAGER" TO SEE THE ISSUE  
RAISED AT THE CONFERENCE, WHERE THE GOP'S MAIN  
OBJECTIVE WAS TO STRESS THE STRUGGLE AGAINST  
APARTHEID, " ESPECIALLY BUT NOT ONLY IN SOUTH  
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AFRICA." THE GOP, KULAGA SAID, HAD NO INFORMATA-  
TION FROM GENEVA ON ANY PROPOSALS TO "REITERATE"  
THE 1975 RESOLUTION AT THE CONFERENCE, BUT IT  
COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE MATTER MIGHT BE  
RAISED. HE THOUGHT THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, AT  
LEAST, PROBABLY WOULD COME UP IN DEBATE WHERE  
THE POLISH DELEGATION PLANNED TO TAKE THE FLOOR

THIS WEEK TO SPEAK ON THE "MOST BURNING ISSUES" BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, ABOVE ALL SOUTH AFRICA. (COMMENT: KULAGA DID NOT SAY THE POLISH DELEGATION WOULD NOT ADDRESS THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE IF SOME OTHER DELEGATION BROUGHT IT UP FIRST.)

3. RESPONDING TO THE LAST POINT IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE, KULAGA SAID THE GOP ALSO WAS AWARE OF US EFFORTS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, BUT THOUGHT THOSE EFFORTS ONLY COMPLICATED AN ALREADY VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. " OUR POSITIONS," HE SAID, "ARE FAR APART."

4. I REPLIED THAT IT IS HARD TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHILE THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE CLOUDS THE AIR. THIS ISSUE, AS A MATTER OF FACT , HAD BEEN INJECTED INTO THE CONFERENCE BY THE 1975 RESOLUTION; WE NOW WERE CONCERNED THAT THE RESOLUTION COULD BE GIVEN FURTHER LIFE AS A RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS. EVEN THOUGH THE GOP AGREED WITH THE RESOLUTION, I SUGGESTED, PERHAPS THE POLISH DELEGATION COULD DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM PRESSING THE ISSUE IN THE CONFERENCE CONTEXT. I UNDERSCORED THE INTENSITY OF US PUBLIC REASCTION AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, POINTING OUT THAT OUR NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE WAS PURSUANT TO A CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESSIONAL INJUNCTION, NOT JUST AN EXCEUTIVE BRANCH DECISION. I REGRETTEED OUR INABILITY TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE WELCOME IF THE US COULD PARTICIPATE IN LEGIMATE UN ACTIVITIES AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION.

5. LULAGA SAID HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF WHAT I HAD SAID AND OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE. HE REITERATED THAT THE GOP WAS NOT INTERESTED IN EMPHASIZING THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE SINCE ITS MAIN CONCERN WAS SOUTH AFRICA. IT WAS THE GOP'S VIEW, KULAGA CONCUDED, THAT THE PRESENT CONFERENCE, AS PART OF THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM, SHOULD PLAY A ROLE, AND US NON-PARTICIPATION WAS REGRETTABLE (JULAGA NOTED IN PASSING THAT THE US WAS JOINED BY ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA IN ITS ABSENCE FROM THE CONFERENCE).

6. I REPLIED THAT WE ALSO REGRETTEED NOT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE , ESPECIALLY SINCE THE USG THOUGHT MUCH OF WHAT THE UN IS DOING TO COMBAT RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION IS USEFUL AND WORTHY OF SUPPORT. HOWEVER, ANY EXACERBATION OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM

ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE WOULD MAKE IT THAT MUCH  
HARDER TO MUSTER SUCH SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE  
AMERICAN PUBLIC.

7. COMMENT: FROM WHAT KULAGA SAID, I DO NOT THINK  
THE POLES ARE MUCH INCLINED TOWARD ACTIVISM IN EITHER  
DIRECTION ON THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AT THE CONFER-  
ENCE. HOWEVER, THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO ADVISE  
CERTAIN MILITANT DELEGATIONS TO MUTE THE ISSUE, IN  
THE INTEREST OF AVERTING A POPULAR REACTION WHICH  
COULD AFFECT US ENGAGEMENT IN, AND SUPPORT FOR OTHER  
UN ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE POLES TAKE A GREATER  
INTEREST. EVEN SUCH A LOW-KEY LOBBYING EFFORT,  
HOWEVER, WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF  
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